

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have organised a unique assembly of children on November 14, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details of this conference of children;
- (c) the role of the Rashtriya Bal Sanskar Sangham in this assembly; and
- (d) the objectives and other activities of the Rashtriya Bal Sanskar Sangham?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) To commemorate the Universal Children's Day on 14.11.2002, the Department of Women and Child Development organized Rashtriya Bal Sanskar Sangam – a special National event. This event focused on "Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan". As a part of the programme, 4000 children living in difficult circumstances from all over India (2000 from all over India plus 2000 from Delhi and neighbourhood) participated in the event. Many side events like Street Plays, Workshops on Life Skill Education, Drawing & Painting, Cultural activities, etc. were organized with the help of NGOs for these children. The main event was organised at Teen Murti House Lawns on 14.11.2002 where Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Human Resource Development Minister and other dignitaries witnessed cultural, artistic and patriotic expressions of these children. Rashtriya Bal Sanskar Sangam is an attempt to draw attention of the society and nation to children in difficult circumstances. Rashtriya Bal Sanskar Sangam hopes to demonstrate that with a little help from society, children in difficult circumstances can also contribute to National Development.